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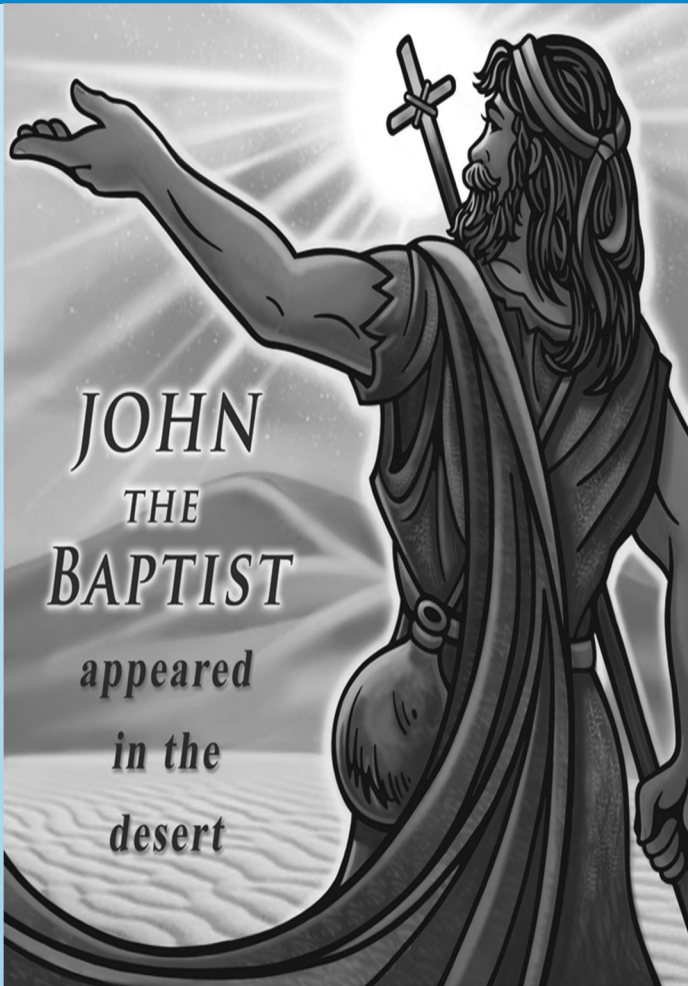
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Good News!

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent (B)
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2, Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

Most of us are not good at waiting. We want things right away and would rather arrive just on time than stand around uselessly. Few things are as annoying as waiting in a doctor's office, a government office, or being stuck in traffic.

Yet waiting can also be an exciting and busy time, like a bride and groom preparing for their wedding. There is no time to waste, since the date is approaching and there is so much to do in order for everything to be prepared perfectly. Advent waiting should be more like this expectant waiting.

John the Baptist was sent to point toward Christ and invite the people to their wedding with God. The divine spouse was coming back to his beloved and sent the groom ahead to let everyone know he was coming.

Thus John preached preparation, conversion, and setting aside everything that would distract people from getting the heart ready for Jesus. Loving, active planning was as necessary for those who listened to John the Baptist as it is for us.

This means going up the mountain and into the desert. Set aside normal distractions and dedicate more time to think about Christ, preparing our hearts and minds for the big day of his arrival.

Advent isn't a nervous time of sitting around and hoping the line goes quickly. It is an active, engaged, and hopeful anticipation of one we eagerly await.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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CONFESSIONS:

1st Friday of the Month
7:15am-7:50am

Saturday
3:30pm-4:30pm

INFANT BAPTISMS:

4th Sunday of the Month:
2:30pm (must pre-register)

WEDDINGS: (6 Months Prior)
Email: church@stbarnabaslb.org

ANNOINTING OF SICK:
(Call Parish Office)

MASS TIMES:

Saturday 8:00am | 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday 7:30am | 9:00am | 10:45am
12:30pm | 5:30pm

Monday-Friday 8:00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

(1st Friday of the Month)

Adoration: 8:30am-7:00pm | Mass: 7:30pm

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:

Every Wednesday (Novena after Mass)
Rosary: 6:15pm | Mass: 6:30pm

MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the Catholic Community of St. Barnabas Parish, are a people formed by Christ, called in Baptism and united in the Eucharist; we continue the mission of the Church in the world through Prayer, Apostolic Works, Evangelization, and Christian Stewardship."

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FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Weekly Contribution:

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Period: 11/1-11/15

Thank you for your prayerful giving. Your generosity supports the operations of our Parish Community.

Monthly Flower Donors for Tabernacle & Blessed Mother:

Gerry Johnston
Nov. 25 – Dec.30



DAILY DEVOTIONS

Please join us in reciting the **Rosary** every morning (Mon-Sat) at 7:35am before daily Mass. It's a beautiful and spiritual way to start your day.

Every day following weekday Mass, we invite you to join us for the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**. Prayers usually start approximately 5-10 minutes after Mass (around 8:40am). If you can't join us, you can join the Divine Mercy on EWTN television channel at noon.

ST. BARNABAS SCHOOL

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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- 12/25 Christmas—Jesus' Birthday!
- 12/30 Celebration of The Year of the Rosary, pg 5
- 1/1 New Year 2018

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 11th

8:00 am— Alyssa Paraiso; +Jesus Congmon

Tuesday, December 12th

8:00 am- Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe; The Moran Family; +Alejandro Mina

6:30 pm- Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe; The Knights of Columbus; +Maria Paraiso; +Jesus Congmon

Wednesday, December 13th

8:00 am- +Agnes Roche Kuzel; +Jesus Congmon

6:30 pm- All Parish Volunteers

Thursday, December 14th

8:00 am- +Ernest Marrujo; +Jesus Congmon

Friday, December 15th

8:00 am- Nika Banzuela; +Asuncion I. Enriquez; +Jesus Congmon

Saturday, December 16th

8:00 am- Elizabeth Cannata

5:00 pm- Cortez & Wheeler Families; +Alejandro Bernardo; +Sister Antony Ebo

Sunday, December 17th

7:30 am- Ernie Paraiso; Johnny Pascua

9:00 am- Eli & Dolores Herrera; +Annunciacion Fabon; +Jesusa Basilio

10:45 am- +Paul Crawford; +Bobong & +Marites Silvela

12:30 pm- Cleomie Valcinus; +Michelle Feiner; +Estrella Carigma

5:30 pm- Jose Bautista; Enrique Bautista; +Carmen Sarmiento

**Book your Mass Intentions in person, at the Parish Office. (+indicates deceased)*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The following names have been recently added:

Cleomie Valcinus, Estella Sarte, Luciano Sabate, Robert J. McJilton

Please pray for them and others already included in the **Prayer Intention Book**, which is presented at each Mass. Call the Office to be added to the Bulletin list. You may also write your own prayer intentions in the Prayer Intention Book, that is available before each Saturday and Sunday Mass, located on a stand at the main entrance of the Church.

WE REMEMBER...

We Pray for and remember our parishioners who have died.

Leo Dela Cruz 12/3

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent; International Human Rights Day

Monday: St. Damasus I

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins at sunset

Wednesday: St. Lucy

Thursday: St. John of the Cross

Saturday: *Las Posadas* begins

FAITH DIRECT ONLINE E-GIVING



With the Season of Advent, enrolling in Faith Direct is a great way to ensure your gifts to St. Barnabas are received even while you are traveling for the holidays.

Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account.

Visit www.faithdirect.net and/or call 1-866-507-8757.

Use our church code: CA794 .

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish Family! - Fr. Antony Gaspar, Fr. Joseph Bai & Staff

PARISH NEWS & MORE

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Celebration)
Tues. Dec. 12 at 6:00pm - bilingual (English/Spanish)
Celebrant: Fr. Bernard Santiago
Reception hosted by Knights of Columbus immediately following in the Parish Hall.

Simbang Gabi Night Masses
Fri. Dec. 15 to Sat. Dec. 23
(see flyer on page 5)



Sunday Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:30pm

Christmas Mass (Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord)
Holy Day of Obligation

Sun. Dec. 24
5:00pm - Children's Dramatization
5:30pm - Vigil Mass (for Christmas Day)
9:30pm - Caroling
10:00pm - Traditional Mass



Mon. Dec. 25
8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon

Solemn Celebration of the Year of the Rosary
Saturday December 30th
4:00pm - Candle-lit Rosary Procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue
5:00pm - Mass
Celebration in the Parish Hall immediately after the Mass

*If your Parish Ministry would like to lead one of the decades during the procession, please contact Marina at: 562-254-8133/marinacuico@gmail.com

New Year's Eve (Feast of the Holy Family)
Sun. Dec. 31
Regular Sunday Masses
7:30am, 9:00am, 10:45am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm (Vigil)

New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary)
Mon. Jan. 1
9:00am



NEW OFFICE HOURS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest addition to our Parish Office Staff, Rose Lucero, who will be our Evening Receptionist to accompany our new extended Office hours! We are now open Monday-Friday until 7:00pm. She is such a delight to our Office family!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Brian & Vivian Grosh 11/6 (7yrs)
Frank & Barbara Florida 11/21 (48yrs)
Bob & Pam Frazier 11/22 (37yrs)
William & Gloria Dorsey (52yrs)
Dan & Erna Selvik 12/6 (31yrs)
Eli & Dolores Herrera 12/17 (62yrs)
Gleycell & Daisy Perucho 12/9 (30yrs)
Lal & Gigi Lalan 12/18 (46yrs)
Edward & Rio Martinez 12/21 (2yrs)



Celebrating your Wedding Anniversary? Email us Names, year you're celebrating, along with your Wedding Anniversary date to: church@stbarnabaslb.org

PARISH MINISTRIES

KNITTING AND CROCHETING MINISTRY

The 5:30pm Sunday Choir will be starting a crochet and knitting ministry to serve the sick and home bound members of our Parish, as well as the homeless in our community. If you knit, crochet or would like to learn, we warmly welcome you to gather with us for this fun & unique ministry. For more information, please call Erica at 562-221-5196 or contact the Parish Office.



NEED LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Looking to serve in a rewarding Ministry? We are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Please contact the following people for more information:

Lectors—Call Marina: 562-254-8133

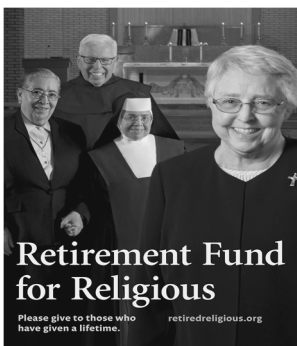
Eucharistic Ministers—Call Sam: 562-521-4040

Download a volunteer form from our Church website.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

DEC. 10TH WEEKEND

We will be having a 2nd collection today for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation will help provide medications, nursing care and other necessities to elderly Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and Priests. Special envelopes are placed in the pews. Thank you for your generosity.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime. retiredreligious.org

SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Wednesday, December 20th at 11am in the Parish Hall. There will be delicious food, holiday music and raffle prizes. Christmas entertainment by Miss Dannette's Dance class and St. Barnabas students.

Please RSVP by Friday, December 15th to the Parish Office at 562-424-8595 or send an email to: church@stbarnabaslb.org. Hope to see you there!

Come & Join Us!



Simbang Gabi

December 15 – 23, 2017

*"Jesus, Make Us Generous
Dispensers of Your Divine Mercy."*

*"Hesus, Gawin Mo Kaming
Masaganang Daluyan ng Iyong
Banal na Awa."*

Theme:

The Joyful Mysteries

1) Mary and the Mysteries of the Rosary * 2) The Annunciation
3) The Visitation * 4) The Birth of Jesus * 5) The Presentation of
Jesus * 6) The Finding of Jesus in the Temple * 7) Mary in the
mystery of Incarnation of Jesus * 8) Mary in the mystery of our
salvation * 9) Mary and Her Message for us today

All are invited to join as a spiritual offering in preparation for celebrating the
birth of our Lord Jesus!

Nine Day Simbang Gabi Advent Mass Schedule

- 1st Day- Fri. Dec. 15, 6:30 pm
- 2nd Day- Sat. Dec. 16, 5:00 pm
- 3rd Day- Sun. Dec. 17, 5:30 pm
- 4th Day- Mon. Dec. 18, 6:30 pm
- 5th Day- Tues. Dec. 19, 6:30 pm
- 6th Day- Wed. Dec. 20, 6:30 pm
- 7th Day- Thurs. Dec. 21, 6:30 pm
- 8th Day- Fri. Dec. 22, 6:30 pm
- 9th Day- Sat., Dec. 23, 5:00 pm

If you are interested in donating or for any questions, please contact:
Bryan Grosh, Chair, Simbang Gabi 2017 (323) 710-1331, Helen Cajayon (562) 290-2019,
Parish Office (562) 424-8595

CHRISTMAS EVE DRAMATIZATION

Calling all Children's Nativity Players! This year's Christmas Eve Dramatization will be Sunday 12/24 at 5:00pm preceding our Family Mass at 5:30pm. All children are welcomed to participate.

Our first practice will be Monday, Dec. 11th at 6:30pm downstairs in the Parish Center and again on Monday, Dec. 18th at 6:30pm.

Please contact the Parish Office with any questions.



THE GIVING TREE

The annual St. Barnabas Giving Tree program is back during this Christmas season! There are Christmas trees located at each of the church exits, and inside the Parish Center. Please select ornaments off of the trees and return the new and **unwrapped** items listed on each ornament. In addition to the gifts, diapers are desperately needed to help the young families in need. All gifts will be gathered and delivered to the Marian Center here in Long Beach by the Pack 32 Cub Scouts on **December 17th**. You are welcome to drop off gifts prior to the 17th to the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity by helping our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Also, if you are in need or know of any other families from St. Barnabas Parish in need, please contact the Parish Office, as we would also like to reserve Giving Tree presents for our local parishioners that need help.



PASSION & PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE

St. Barnabas will join Our Lady of Refuge in co-sponsoring "Passion and Purpose for Marriage" presented by speaker Dr. Allen Hunt from Dynamic Catholic.

It will be held at Our Lady of Refuge on Sat, February 10 from 9am-1:30pm. This program is meant for engaged or married couples of all ages. The perfect Christmas gift for your spouse—uninterrupted time together focused on each other. The cost of the day is \$25 per person. Buy your tickets online, at DynamicCatholic.com or call 859-980-7900. We will also be selling tickets after all masses the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd. Give a gift that can change lives this Christmas! Any questions please call Terri Furlow at 562-427-8048.

HOLY HUMOR

Weekly Senior meeting at the Parish Hall...

"Do you know how to prevent sagging? Just eat until the wrinkles fill out."

"It's scary when you start making the same noises as the coffee maker."

"These days about half the items in my shopping cart are Labeled: For fast relief."

"Don't let aging get you down. It's too hard to get back up."

"My husband started walking five miles a day when he was ninety years old. He's now ninety-seven and we have no idea where he is."

"I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me."

"We all get heavier as we get older because there is a lot more information in our heads."

"Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt usually doesn't work!"

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St Barnabas Parish

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Plan to attend with your family & friends
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A CHRISTMAS CAROL



December 10th, 2017

6:00 - 7:30 Reception, Wine & Hors d'oeuvres
Silent Auction & 50 / 50 Drawing
7:30 - 9:30 Presentation of A Christmas Carol

**TICKETS WILL
ALSO BE SOLD AT
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THE FELLOWSHIP AND SILENT AUCTION!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is *presepio*, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the *presepio*, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a *Where's Waldo?* children's book. The oldest surviving *presepio* is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost.

Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1233 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living *presepio*. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find *presepios* with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thanks to the following people who wanted to volunteer to help switch out the old missalette booklets to the new ones: Josette Sangria, Gwenlisa Davi-Rodriguez, Eva Talastas, Naomi Enriquez, Rose Lucero, Jose Vazquez and Marina Cuico. Please be mindful of our new booklets and keep our pews clean during Mass. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's that time of year again! We are accepting donations of poinsettias that will be used to decorate the Church for Christmas. You may drop them off in the Church at the Baptismal Font steps.

(during Office hours)

Thank you for your generosity during this Christmas season!



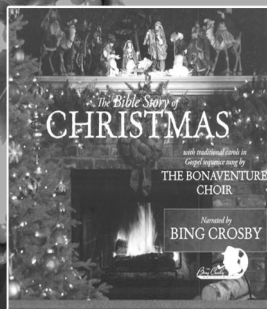
WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT TEAM

We are currently forming a NEW Worship Environment Team! This consists of taking care of the flower arrangements on our Altar, minimal decorating of our worship environment on a consistent basis, and decorating during the major holidays. Our first focus is for CHRISTMAS!

So please contact the Parish Office with your information. We'd love to have you join this team! No experience necessary. Just an open heart and love for our Church, to help make it an inviting place of prayer and worship. Email: church@stbarnabaslb.org or call 562-424-8595.



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